

2016-2017 Seminole Nation Princess Application



The Seminole Nation Royalty shall serve as Ambassadors, Role Models, Educators, and Representatives of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Royalty shall conduct themselves in a respectable and virtuous manner at all times. The Seminole Nation Royalty are to adhere to the rules and regulations for the Seminole Nation Royalty; the Code of Conduct; and the Coordinator's direction.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Royalty participate in all relevant Princess Committee functions, quarterly meetings, cultural activities and tribal events in the Seminole Nation.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Royalty shall write and submit a monthly activity report to the Princess Committee at the regular scheduled Committee meeting and a quarterly activities report to Princess Committee and to the General Council.

The Royalty; their parent(s); and /or legal Guardian(s); and Sr. Ms. will work at all activities and fundraisers sponsored by the Princess Committee.

Applicants must not have been cited for a misdemeanor; felony; convicted of a felony; have pending charges against her person; or be of questionable moral character.

If a Princess has decided to run for another title during her reign she must relinquish the Seminole Nation title to the First Runner-up. In the event the runner-up is not qualified to fulfill the remaining reign, the Princess Committee has the authority to make an appointment or leave the vacancy unfulfilled. The deciding body is the Princess Committee of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

If any title holder of the Seminole Nation should not comply with the above stated requirements, she may be subject to termination of her title and the First Runner-up will assume the title and responsibilities.

Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Princess Guidelines

Please read the following guidelines very carefully. The following forms will need to be read and signed by the contestant and a Parent or Legal Guardian (excluding Sr. Ms.). The contestant must agree and adhere to the following guidelines. (Guidelines apply to all candidates unless noted.)

Candidates must be at least 1/8 Seminole blood and enrolled with the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. (Copy of Seminole Nation Tribal Enrollment Card is required.)

All Sr. Miss Candidates must be fluent in the Seminole language. **A preliminary interview in the Seminole Language will be conducted at the first princess pageant practice to verify the candidate is fluent.**

No person may hold the same title twice. (Exception, if there are not any contestants in the category then previous princess has the decision to hold title again or give the title to the previous 1st Runner-up).

No Princess may hold two titles at the same time. (Example-Miss Seminole and Miss Indian Oklahoma) If selected as a titleholder for the Seminole Nation, she must relinquish her title before applying for another title.

Applicant must not be pregnant or have ever bore a child. (Excluding Sr. Ms.) If a Princess becomes pregnant she *must* relinquish her title and return the crown, crown box, banner, and shawl to the Seminole Nation Princess Committee.

Applicant must have NEVER LIVED with a male OTHER than a family member or have been married. A princess cannot become married or engaged during her reign. If a titleholder does, she *must* relinquish her title and return the crown, crown box, banner and shawl to the Seminole Nation Princess Committee. (Excluding Sr. Ms.)

If a Princess decides to resign before the end of her term, she is to return the Tribal Crown, Crown Box, Banner, and Shawl to the Princess Committee. Also, she will be responsible for returning the winning incentive money.

The Seminole Nation Royalty and/or Parents/Guardians of the royalty are responsible to have reliable transportation to and from events.

The Seminole Nation Royalty must have verifiable telephone numbers at all times during their reign for contact purposes.

All information will be verified by the Seminole Nation Princess Committee.

THE AGE REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOW:

LITTLE MISS SEMINOLE NATION -	8 – 12 YEARS OF AGE
JUNIOR MISS SEMINOLE NATION -	13 – 17 YEARS OF AGE
MISS SEMINOLE NATION -	18 – 24 YEARS OF AGE
SENIOR MS. SEMINOLE NATION -	55 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER

****APPLICANTS must be of age for their category by the date of pageant which will be September 15, 2016****

TRAVEL

The Princess Committee allows for some travel expenses of the Seminole Nation Royalty as approved in the Princess Committee budget that is approved by the General Council. The parents and/or guardians are responsible for their own expenses. With the exception of those approved by the Princess Committee.

An event schedule and travel itinerary will be established by the Princess Committee Event Coordinator and must be followed by all Seminole Nation Royalty.

PARENT, GUARDIAN, AND SR. MS RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Parent and/or Guardian and Sr. Ms. (for herself) to provide any additional funds expended above the allowable cost paid by the tribe.

An Event Coordinator will be selected by the Princess Committee to travel with the Royalty as deemed necessary with expenses paid by the Seminole Nation Princess Committee. Parent(s) or Guardian(s) of adult princess(es) may accompany at their own expense. If out-of-state travel is necessary, there are regulations in place within the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and will be followed according to the Travel Regulations/Policy.

CROWNS and CROWN BOXES

The crown and crown boxes received by the titleholder must be kept in clean good condition.

You must notify the Princess Committee immediately should the crown or crown box become lost or damaged. It is also the responsibility of the Parent and/or Guardian and Sr. Ms. (for herself) for the replacement of the crown and crown box in case of loss or damage.

The crown and crown box is intended to pass from Princess to Princess through the coming years. You must return the crown and crown box at the end of your reign. You will participate in the crowning of the new Princess that follows you.

TRADITIONAL DRESS

ALTHOUGH you may be affiliated with other tribes, you will be required to wear ONLY YOUR TRADITIONAL SEMINOLE CLOTHING and accessories during your reign as a titleholder for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

It will be the responsibility of the Parent(s) and/or Guardian and Sr. Ms. (for herself) to provide a minimum of (3) three different Traditional Clothing ensembles, which includes the dress accessories.

I have read, I understand, and I agree to abide by the guidelines as stated in pages 1, 2, and 3. I understand that these guidelines may be amended as determined by the Princess Committee.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:* _____ Date: _____

*If under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Signature is required.

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(Please Print- if needed use separate sheet of paper)

Category: (Please check one)

Little Miss: _____ Junior Miss: _____ Miss: _____ Senior Ms.: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Birth Date: _____ Degree of Seminole Blood: _____

Tribal Band: _____ Tribal Clan: _____

Indian Name & Meaning: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ GPA: _____

Achievements: (Awards, Honors, etc.) _____

I affirm that the contents contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:* _____ Date: _____

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Traditional Talent Information

Specify one (1) talent to be presented and give a short description. Once talent is submitted to the Princes Committee, it CAN NOT BE CHANGED.

Name the Traditional Talent you will be presenting:

Description of Traditional Talent Presentation: (minimum of 1 minute and maximum of 3 minutes)

Examples of talents could be: Storytelling, Shell shaking, Singing, Arts & Crafts demonstration, etc.

****No Lord's Prayer in Sign Language****

I affirm that the contents contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:* _____ Date: _____

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Platform

(Miss Seminole Applicants ONLY)

A platform is a cause that a contestant selects to bring awareness to or implement a program the candidate has created that will help address the problem.

If selected as Miss Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, the current events platform will be the focus of the candidate's reign. The candidate must choose a topic, issue, or concern facing Native Americans today to serve as her platform.

If selected as Miss Seminole Nation the candidate will be required to host one event that promotes her platform. It will be the responsibility of the Sr. Ms, Jr. Miss, and Little Miss to assist Miss Seminole Nation with her current issues platform event.

Name the Current Issues Platform you will be presenting: (2 min limit)

Examples of a current issues platform could be:

- Preserving our Language
- Preserving our Cultural Traditions
 - Patchwork
 - Cooking Traditional Foods
 - Stomp dance
- Domestic Violence
- Employment Issues
- Bullying
- Diabetes
- Etc.

****No PowerPoint Presentations****

I affirm that the contents contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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SCHOLARSHIP
(Miss Seminole Applicants ONLY)

A scholarship will be awarded to the title winner of Miss Seminole Nation of Oklahoma provided she is a high school student and /or currently enrolled in a college and/or vocational school.

Miss Seminole must provide the following to be eligible for the scholarship:

- A. Documentation of Enrollment on a School Letterhead
- B. Maintain a 2.5 GPA

An award will be paid as follows for High School students:

- A. The titleholder will receive half of the scholarship at the beginning of the Second Semester
- B. The remaining balance to be distributed at the end of school year.

College/Vocational Technical School will be paid after drop out period (9 weeks) has expired as pertaining to college/vocational technical school requirements.

If the title winner of Miss Seminole Nation should resign before the end of her term, she will be responsible to pay back the Scholarship award to the Seminole Nation Princess Committee.

I have read, I understand, and I agree to abide by the guidelines as stated. I also understand that these guidelines may be amended as determined by the Princess Committee.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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*If under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Signature is required.

Check List:

Please ensure that the original application is complete including all required documents listed below. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

Required Documents:

1. ☐ 2016-2017 Seminole Nation Princess Application
2. ☐ Make sure to sign all pages of the application where indicated. (Pages 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7)
3. ☐ Copy of your Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Enrollment Card
 - a. Front and Back copy of card is required. (Will be used to verify blood quantum and proof of age. Please ensure the copy is legible and the picture is clear.)
4. ☐ Photograph of Contestant.
 - a. This picture will be used in the Pageant Program Booklet.
 - b. Preferably a 4x6 or 5x7 color photo of contestant.
5. ☐ Three Letters of Recommendation
 - a. Cannot be written by a family member.
 - b. Needs to be written by someone who knows the candidate, where the committee and judges can get a good point of view on the character of the applicant.
 - i. Examples would be: Pastor, Teacher, Counselor, or Member of the Community.
6. ☐ Essay titled, "Why I want to be _____ Seminole Nation of Oklahoma."
 - a. Essay must be typed and turned in with application.
 - b. No essay required for Little Miss Seminole Nation.
 - c. 200-word minimum essay for Jr. Miss Seminole Nation candidates.
 - d. 300-word minimum essay for Miss Seminole Nation candidates.
 - e. 150-word minimum essay for Sr. Ms. Seminole Nation candidates.

All Sr. Miss Candidates must be fluent in the Seminole language. **A preliminary interview in the Seminole Language will be conducted at the first princess pageant practice to verify the candidate is fluent.**

Documents that will need to be turned in by the Second Practice meeting:

1. Traditional Dress description for the Traditional Introduction portion of the pageant.
2. Contemporary Wear description for the Impromptu Question portion of the pageant.

Applications will be accepted by email or hand-delivered to the Seminole Nation Social Services Office. If emailing the application, please email to the following address:

seminolenationroyalty@gmail.com
Attention: Tiffany Ahgoom, Coordinator

For more info, contact: Tiffany Ahgoom at (405) 221-0862 or tiffanyahgoom22@gmail.com.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016 AT 4:30 PM AT THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE.

****All applications that are hand-delivered must be in a sealed envelope. ****

*****INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED*****